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TV ONE-MINUTE SHORTS FEATURE DUCK STAMPS AND WHOOPING CRANES

Two one-minute television shorts prepared by the Department's Fish and Wildlife Service--one on the whooping crane and one of the Federal duck stamp--are being released to the Nation's television stations, the Department of the Interior announced today.

The duck stamp short will be released to the nearly 500 television stations in the country. The whooping crane film will be sent to the approximately 100 stations on or near the line of flight of the huge birds as they come from their summer nesting grounds deep in Canada to their wintering grounds on the Gulf of Mexico.

The duck stamp short will mean different things to different viewers. To the hunter it will be a notice that when the fall winds blow and the birds fly south he must have the duck stamp--in addition to his State license--to legally hunt any of the migratory waterfowl.

To the nonhunter it will be a reminder that the Fish and Wildlife Service has the responsibility to so control hunting that the flight of waterfowl from north to south and back again will continue for all time.

To the stamp collector it will be concrete evidence that here is another item which he must add to his collection.

To the wildlife artist it will be an invitation to him to enter the nationwide competition held each fall to select the design for the duck stamp to be used in the following season.

The whooping crane feature is strictly a safe passage appeal. The beauty and grace of these birds, which seem awkward when seen in still pictures, are captured on the moving film and the viewer cannot help but hope that these slow-winged, nonchalant-appearing birds will have a pleasant, leisurely and safe trip, as they escort their young down the wide corridor between the Rockies and the Mississippi on their way from Canada to the Aransas Refuge in Texas.

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